

ASTRO-CYCLIC PULSATIONS

Cycles. Our lives are filled with and revolve around cycles. Cycles of day and night, birth and death, the cycle of seasons, cycles of learning, and the cycle of one's daily routine. How fundamental cycles are to our existence is easily overlooked in today's modern world. Our pulse and breathing maintain a rhythmic cycle, as do the spinning of the electrons around their nucleus.

The branch of Hermetic Science that deals with the study of cycles is known as esoteric astrology. It is vastly different from the astrology most persons have been exposed to. Indeed it can be said that the astrology of the soothsayer is a poor adaptation at best of a sublime science, little understood and utilized by those professing to do astrology. It was the vast difference in the applied techniques of esoteric astrology as opposed to the commonly used techniques of exoteric astrology, I believe, that prompted Frater Albertus to coin the term Astro-cyclic pulsations.

About the only similarity between the two I have found is the method used to erect a natal chart and figuring out what aspects are formed between the planets and key places in the charts. After this everything else is different. Modern astrology sees the stars as controlling influences on man.

The Hermetic Scientist does not see the aspects formed in a natal chart or the relationship of planets and points in one's chart in relation to present moment constellations as a controlling influence. His view is that the light emitted from the planets and that produced from their aspects, can be interfaced with, and molded with conscious-intent.

What some call prognostication from celestial events is actually nothing more than the vast store of information gathered over centuries by members of the inner school, regarding the responses produced in the human mind to supersensible impulses impinging on it. The reason for the uniformity of reaction to these forces in all human beings is because, unless our spiritual organs of perception are consciously developed, we are completely unconscious to these forces. They affect us at levels of our being, which for the common man falls into the realm of subconsciousness. But just as an athlete trains the muscles of his body, the Hermetic Scientist trains his spiritual organs. The athlete produces a body with heightened agility and stamina, the Hermetic Scientist gains heightened perception which makes conscious what was formerly unconscious. Is it not the nature of man to work towards understanding that which he is conscious of, and thus gain mastery of it?

During any cycle of manifestation there exist innumerable possibilities that the energy of that cycle may manifest as. By breaking a cycle into sub-cycles the Hermetic Scientist is able to make a temporal schematic charting the different phases of spiritual gestation his heart's desire must go through as it is brought into manifestation throughout the main cycle. When the energy of a sub-cycle shows itself to be appropriate for animating specific points along the temporal schematic, the Hermetic Scientist then makes use of traditional astrology's horoscope of the moment. It is a verifiable fact that celestial bodies exert influence over all the subjects of the three kingdoms of nature. The Hermetic Scientist takes this into account, and using a system based on sound and color, he is able to mitigate or completely overcome unfavorable aspects, augment favorable aspects, and even create the effect produced from two aspecting planets when they are not actually in aspect.

The Hermetic Science's use of Astro-cyclic pulsations is based on the old axiom of *the wise rule the stars*, and this is very true. We do not hold that the forces emitted by celestial bodies lock man into a predestined path; but that a person who is conscious of their presence is able to use these energies in a willful manner to effect change in himself and environment.

It all boils down to the relationship between the observer and the observed, change the relationship, and you change the reactions to similar actions. If one were to strike a stone with a hammer, one expects that the stone breaks and that there is a release of minimum energetic forces into the environment, other than that not much else happens. If we were though to work on that same stone from the perspective of nuclear physics, the striking or bombarding of the nucleus of an atom of our stone would cause the release of such tremendous energy that you could supply the needs of the most energy hungry metropolis for decades. In either case the matter being worked on is the same, the only difference is the perspective the mind of man chooses to perceive the matter in.

Still the question must be asked if the mind of man directs and uses these celestial influences, how can it be that so many astrologers seem to correct in their prognostications. This is because most persons' use of the ambient Astro-cyclic energies is an unconscious affair. As an example suppose that you are scuba diving and exploring a coral reef. You come upon a school of fish and decided to interact with them. You discover that as you move you hand toward the school that the entire school will respond and move as one body. It does not take long to realize that if you use both hands you can control, the movement of the

school and conduct your own underwater ballet. The energy of your hand moving toward the school is analogous to that which is emitted by the stars. The movement of the school of fish is analogous to an unconscious mind being impinged by this force, producing what seems to be predictable, and seemingly predestined actions.

As you continue to use your hands to control the fish and conduct your underwater show, you begin to notice something. Small groups of fish are beginning to break off from the main body of the school, in fact, the entire school of fish is breaking up. In a sense the fish have become conscious of the force being exerted over them. The school no longer responds in a predictable manner, instead they use the waves of energy produced by the force to achieve their own ends. In this case to detect the presence of your hand, avoid it and regroup. In this sense the fish have an upper hand over most humans. Their sense of touch or feeling is so developed that they can respond instantly to changes in their environment and the forces within it. We do not want to create a society of people hunched over astrology charts trying to divine their future. What we seek is to help people develop the sensitivity and understanding needed to make proper conscious use this energy intuitively.

With all the above in mind, one can not say that celestial forces do not exert an influence on terrestrial matter, indeed they do, as the chapter on capillary dynamic studies has illustrated.

All matter also emits its own individual cyclic pattern or rhythm, which is produced from the electromagnetic radiation given off by all things on this planet. All matter is definable by its dimensions. These dimensions act as resistors to energy flowing into and bombarding the earth from space. When an outside one impinges our inherent rhythm, a force is produced whose composition is a combination of the two energies, a state in which new possibilities and manifestations are born.

There are four separate systems I use within the scope of Astro-cyclic pulsations, they are:

1) 7 and 12 phase cycles based on universal rhythms of the procession of the equinoxes. These cycles show themselves in durations that last from thousands of years down to microseconds. This system is used mainly in an extrapolative context, based on correlations of events in history, and the prevailing cyclic patterns of the time. When the same cyclic patterns show themselves to be re-manifesting, similar advancements in thought and deed can be expected to prevail once more. This system of investigation is very interesting but goes beyond the scope of the present book. This system shows the issuance of divine

spiritual and material forces, i.e. cycles originating from outside of us. It shows the cycles in a raw undetermined form, the circumference in which actions must take place, and the general evolutionary possibilities allowed within the cycle's matrix of self-expression.

The above system showed forces acting on man, but not how man may act, or use, the forces that issue from him, and the ambient forces that immediately affect his daily life. The next three systems of Astro-cyclic pulsations are used for this purpose.

2) Inner 7 phase of Man, and the Hermetic Zodiac. If we accept that we are truly a microcosm of the macrocosm, then are we not emitting the very same forces that the planets themselves do? If this is so then why should it be beyond our ability to affect matter on the subtle level, in the same fashion as the planets do? The key to this technology lies in correspondences of color.

3) Inner 7-phase of Man and the Moon.

4) Inner 7-phase of Man and the Natal Chart.

We will only be concerned with exploring the techniques of system number two in this book. As it is the one most easily used for the beginner. In this system as in all the Astro-cyclic systems, the 7-phase cycle takes predominance in deciding the day and hour of the work. This system has been called the *Hours of the Planetary Geniuses*. In reality they in fact have no bearing on any astrological configurations or times when planets will be on the ascendant, Midheaven or any other point in the zodiac. This is why I prefer to call them Inner 7-phase of Man. These cycles are derived from a 24-hour day / 7-day week of man. The associations of the planets are actually the inner planets of man, and the energy used in these operations are borne in, and expressed from, the being of man. Their correspondence to the planets in our solar system is not one delineated by coordinates, but the spiritual organs from which man consciously produces those same energies that issue from the planets.

In the 7-phase system each day of the week is said to be controlled by the spiritual intelligence within man analogous with one of the seven planets of the ancients, as shown in Table 1. Each one of these days is also said to represent a particular sephirah on the Qabalist's Tree of Life. The QBL numbers shown in Table 1 correspond to these sephirah. Again it must be stressed that the true energy being used is found within and expressed through the being of man.

Moreover the 24 hours of each day of the week are divided into seven equal periods lasting approximately 3.5 hours. In Table 2 we see the 24 hours of a day divided into 7 periods. In order to ascertain which inner planetary geniuses within man is ruling a particular portion of the day we simply take the QBL number of the day from Table 1 and add or subtract it to the QBL number for the time period as shown in Table 2.

Let us now look at a few examples of how to use these charts. Suppose it is Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and you want to know what inner influence prevails. Adding the Q.B.L. number of Sunday (6) in Table 1 to the Q.B.L. number of the time period we are concerned with found in Table 2 arrives at the answer. Eight a.m. is in time period A, and its Q.B.L. number is 1, and $6 + 1 = 7$. This tells us that during this time on Sunday, the solar intelligence is tinged with those qualities of the Venutian ray.

Suppose we were to look at our watch at 9:00 p.m. on a Tuesday and we wanted to know the planetary influence for that time. We would first go to Table 1 and see that the Q.B.L. number for Tuesday is 5. Table 2 would tell us that 9:00 p.m. is in period E and its Q.B.L. number is that of 5, and $5 + 5 = 10$. There is a problem here because to arrive at a planetary influence we have to end up with a number between 3 and 9. This problem is solved by subtracting 7 whenever the sum is higher than 9. Therefore, $5 + 5 = 10$ and $10 - 7 = 3$; so Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. is under the tingeing influence of Saturn.

Table 1

PLANET	WEEKDAY	QBL #
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Moon</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Mars</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Mercury</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Jupiter</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Venus</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Saturn</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>3</i>

Table 2

TIME INTERVAL	PERIOD	QBL #
<i>Midnight - 3:26 a.m.</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>-1</i>
<i>3:26 a.m. - 6:51 a.m.</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>6:51 a.m. - 10:17 a.m.</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>10:17 a.m. - 1:43 p.m.</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>1:43 p.m. - 5:09 p.m.</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>5:09 p.m. - 8:34 p.m.</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>8:34 p.m. - Midnight</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>5</i>

Table 3

WEEKDAY	King Scale	SEPHIROTH	MEANING
	<i>Brilliant White</i>	<i>Kether</i>	<i>Crown</i>
	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Chokmah</i>	<i>Wisdom</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Binah</i>	<i>Understanding</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Chesed</i>	<i>Mercy</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Red</i>	<i>Geburah</i>	<i>Strength</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Yellow</i>	<i>Tiphareth</i>	<i>Beauty</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Netzach</i>	<i>Victory</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>Hod</i>	<i>Splendor</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Violet</i>	<i>Yesod</i>	<i>Foundation</i>
	<i>Citrine, Olive, Russet,</i>	<i>Malkuth</i>	<i>Kingdom</i>
	<i>Black</i>		

The 7-phase cycle may be extended out to encompass years or reduced to the duration of microseconds depending on the needs of the Hermetic Scientist. I think that it is important again to note that in this system, it is not the particular span of time in question that gives any particular strength to the operations, but rather the consciousness of the operator. The selection of a span of time is nothing more than the creation of a space, and, extension of our consciousness into that particular space, time continuum. The conscious mind is the sole creator, arbitrator of powers, and potencies, and definer of all forms that fill the continuum. Time let us remember is an artificial creation by the mind of man, so that he might perceive order out of the chaos of undefined multifarious, simultaneous existence. Was not Adam charged with naming all of creation?

With this salient fact in mind that it is the *conscious-intent* of the individual that defines the object, and thus gives it weight, measure meaning and purpose. We may, with proper understanding, extend or decrease the cycles. The basic cycle we first examined may be extended into seven weeks. Where each

week becomes one of the seven periods and all operations performed that week no matter which day are seen as being primarily influenced by a particular inner planetary geniuses of man.

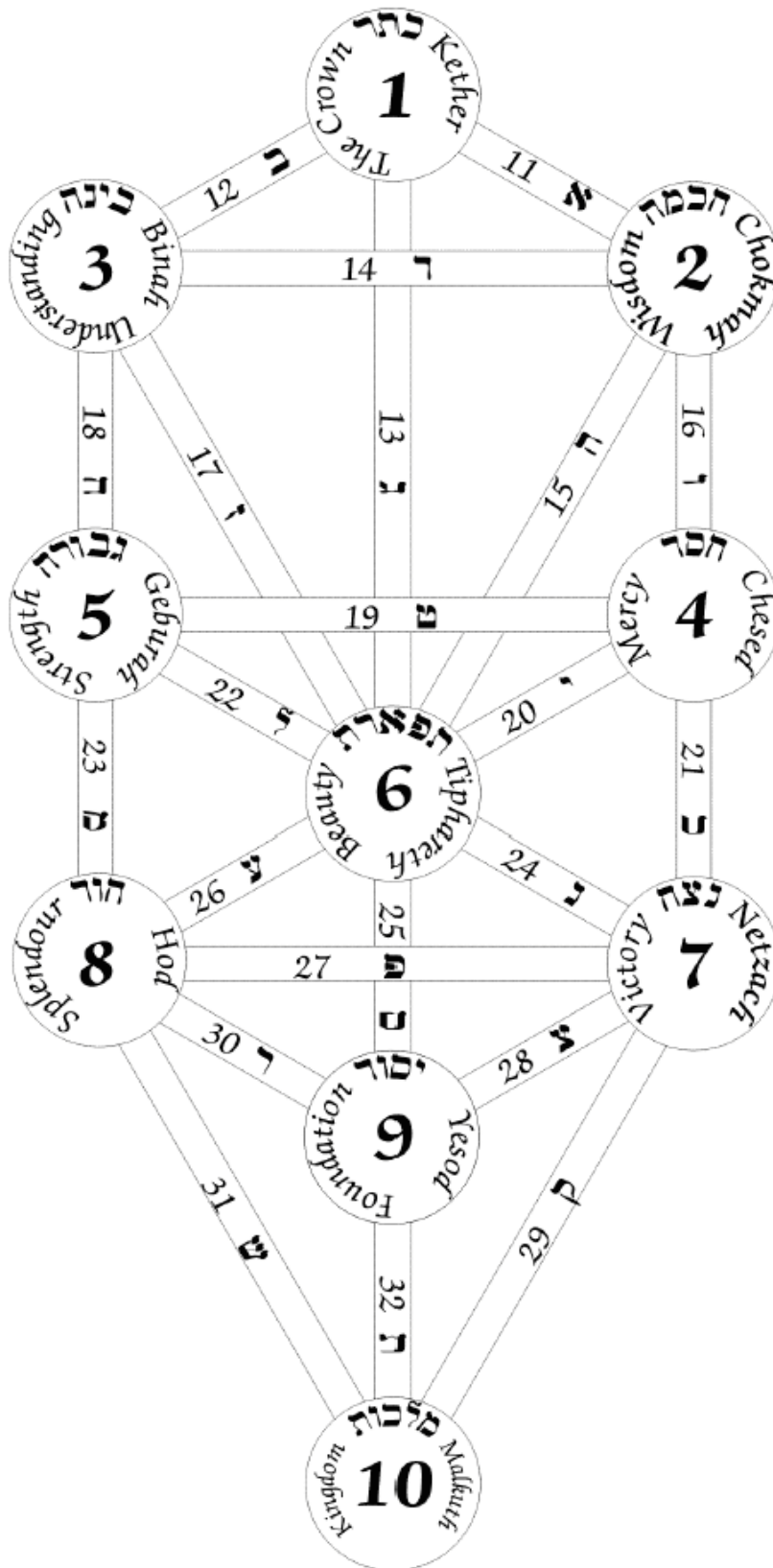
A year may be divvied into seven, 52 day segments, or one may construct a 7-year plan where each year represents a particular influence. These latter schema are devoted to very long range objectives, and a conscious use of the ambient forces of the universal seven and twelve phase cycles which form, more or less, the background or canvas for the creations we express through the system we are now exploring.

On the other end of the spectrum as we have already seen, a day may be divided into seven approximately equal periods. Any one of these periods may also be divided by seven, producing 7 periods each with duration of approximately 30 minutes. A thirty-minute period may be divided by seven and so on. Work on this level requires a mind able to form mental images that are vital and dense.

Working on either the extended levels or sub sub-levels of a daily division takes an understanding of the correspondences between Tarot, the Tree of Life, and color that can only be won by a contemplation worthy of its acquirement. Such intricacies can never be taught in books; at best the fundamentals of the theory can be printed. A better understanding of the principles involved can be had from the oral instruction of teachers, but in the final analysis, the seed must be nurtured in the incubator of contemplation for it to sprout and grow into understanding.

For our immediate concerns we will confine our investigation to the use of these cycles to a 24-hour day, seven-day week schema. Let us therefore examine the spiritual significance associated with each day of the week as shown by the Tree of Life in illustration 1.

THE TREE OF LIFE



Sunday. This day is always used as the beginning of any weekly cycle. The Sun is seen as the progenitor of all matter on our planet. Its radiant consciousness showers us with its undifferentiated, undetermined light, yet within this light is the core reality behind every conceivable form and variation of matter.

Sunday is associated with Tiphareth, the sixth Sephiroth (a Hebrew word meaning numbering or emanations) on the Tree of Life. The Qabalists associated this Sephiroth with the energy of the Divine Savior Kings of legend. Here the radiant consciousness of the Logos of the World is found. This *Christ Consciousness* as it is also called, is actually the central ego of mankind. It is the one truth that resides in the heart of every man, and though it is the core and thus possession of every man's soul, it is no one man's sole possession. In Tiphareth the regenerated man is born, whose newly formed spiritual organs allow him to perceive love, as the fundamental impetus of creation. Here all mankind is seen to be brother and sister. In the spiritual energy associated with Sunday all our desires are renewed and made afresh. When held up to the light of spirit all the amorphous negatives, which floated through your mind and that have beseeched you to accept their shadow, as defining limits disappear. Within the spiritual light of this day we may hold up for verification our original impetus and desires and examine them in the light of reason. As we grow, that which we saw as our original reason and desire for doing or pursuing our heart's desire will change. There is but one true reason for doing your heart's desire, all others are mask whose number rivals the fish in the ocean. They must each be hooked and pulled from the ocean and placed on the beach. These astral carcasses are reduced to their first matter by the radiant light of the Supreme Consciousness. The energy released during this psychic operation is used for nourishment and growth by the thought forms we keep and use in achieving our one objective.

Monday: This day is associated with the Moon and its rhythms. During Monday the radiant light received on Sunday is placed through the prism of the mind and given a more tangible form, substance, and color. Monday is probably one of the most difficult days to be productive; one still has fresh in their memory the joys of the weekend away from work. While work must get done in any office, Mondays are filled more with reminiscing and daydreaming than any other day in the week. As one goes over what they have done just last weekend, they also peruse in their mind those things, which they seek to accomplish in

the current week. This perusal is a sort of telepathy, which will set up the necessary contacts and bring into our sphere of involvement the things that we need to accomplish our desired goal for the week.

In Qabalah, the ninth Sephiroth called Yesod is associated with Monday and is considered the sphere of the Moon. This is where the vital soul of nature is found. The astral forms that fill Yesod are said to be the foundation of all external matter. What we call reality rests squarely on the matrix of light, built and preserved in the astral realm.

Tuesday is associated with Mars. Its energy has the ability to animate or raze, depending on how it is directed by the mind. The latter should not be viewed as a disruptive quality, but rather one that is broadening. The fiery energy of Mars fills the forms envisioned on Monday with vitality.

The Qabalists associated the energy of Mars with the fifth Sephiroth on the Tree of Life, it is called Geburah, which means strength or severity. The energy of Tuesday is particularly associated with that aspect of the One Will that is the underlying vitality and stability of all manifestation. This energy balances and regulates all the currents of life. It faithfully maintains the equilibrium of the universe, by regulating the flow of all action and work. The Martian energy regulates and circulates through the universe. Conscious command of this force extends strength and control into all three kingdoms of nature.

Wednesday, ah hump day. Those ideas, which we ruminated on Monday, and gave expression to through action and work on Tuesday, are now presented to those of immediate concern in helping us achieve this phase of our objective.

On the Tree of Life the Sephiroth associated with the spiritual energy of Wednesday is number eight, named Hod. Hod is associated with Mercury the mythological messenger of the Gods. Mercury, or the Egyptian Thoth, was much more than a messenger. He was the creator of alchemy, magic and all the other sciences, he also taught man agriculture.

The spiritual energy of Wednesday has two primary functions, to collect and send into subconsciousness those images generated by our habitual thought processes. From this impregnation of spirit we find that the images we fill the fourth dimension of the astral world with perpetually find themselves expressed as a condition or physical reality in our everyday environment. When this realization is made the trumpet will sound and man may make a conscious decision to change what he produces with his mind. Conscious application of the spiritual energy of Wednesday gives the impression that one can

manage circumstance so adeptly, that your contemporaries feel you are practicing magic. When in fact all you are managing are the images in your mind

Thursday our plans have been presented to those of immediate concern, and today we receive their feedback on what we have presented. If we have allowed the Divine Will to be expressed freely through us, an un-manipulated synergy develops in which my need and your need are both fulfilled. This is because the core of all desire is divine. The poet writes because his soul needs to express itself, but also because our souls need the stimulus of his words for growth.

The fourth Sephiroth on the Tree of Life is named Chesed, which means mercy, and the inner planetary intelligence it is associated with is Jupiter. The energy associated with this day is one of measurement and adjustment. Here we find that the more we become adept at allowing the light of the cosmos to shine through us, the more our will becomes a transparent transmitter of the Divine Will. Here the union of opposites is achieved in response to the touch of the Divine light. Here mastery of the wheel of life is achieved as we are able to grasp with our minds the principles and meaning of esoteric celestial mechanics.

Friday this is the day of our spiritual week that we see the culmination or birth of our desires. This is the accomplishment of one of many objectives we will have the joy of success and achievement in, as we move inexorably to the ultimate attainment and sustainment of our hearts desire. The spiritual energy associated with Friday is associated with the inner Venutian planetary geniuses of man. The name of the Sephiroth is Netzach, which means victory. Proper management of the force represented by Mercury brings about the victory of Venus. By assiduous attention to our thoughts and desires we have been able to more accurately and consciously align ourselves with the Divine will. Indeed the solely materialistic reason and impetus which seemed to drive us toward our goal in the beginning will show itself, when we see it more clearly, to have always proceeded from the most altruistic of hearts. The core desire at our hearts does not change but the reasons for wanting to attain it will. Quiet the nerve forces and listen. Then you will be able to hook the one true fish in whose belly is the pearl of your desire. This spiritual fish will contain within it the very corporal intelligence needed to make your desire a reality.

Saturday is a day of reflection where the events of the past week are put into perspective. Here the perfection of the universe is found as the manifested forms of consciousness are maintained by the administrative intelligence of the universal mind.

The third Sephiroth on the Tree of Life is named Binah, which means understanding. The spiritual energy of Saturday is one of receptivity, with which we prepare ourselves for the light of the Logos on Sunday. This light is actually the reflection of superconscious impulses, off the watery substance of subconsciousness, into the consciousness expressed through the logos. The oneness of creation shown in Sunday is actually the blooming of that which we received when still on Saturday. This energy, has, and always will be present within us, and is the core of all reality, yet so common is it that its importance and even presence is easily overlooked. It is found by supplication not exhortation

We have seen how the days of the week relate to the Sephiroth numbered three through nine shown in illustration number 1, but what of those Sephiroth numbered ten, one and two.

The Sephiroth numbered ten is called Malkuth, which means kingdom. This is the world of manifestation and the birth of natural man's conception that his being is dependent on the presence of his body. When viewed from this perspective the forces of nature with their pushing and pulling action seem hostile to man, and indeed God seems to reside in a distant place.

But if we just still the body of the Kingdom, we will receive a present from the seeming restriction imposed on Saturday. In this stillness we experience the unity and oneness of life. Here the core reality of man, of the universe, is experienced in the first Sephiroth named Kether, which means crown. This presence is the true reality of your being, it is that which creates and gives form to that which the natural man regards as his body. Verily this is the light hidden to the world, masked by the veils of matter created from our assumptions and beliefs about what we experience with our external senses. But the Logos of the World knows that it and the father are one.

When this one reality, which is the only truth, is experienced, we gain wisdom, which is the meaning of the name of the second sephirah called Chokmah. This wisdom is actually a reflection, or memory of that which we experienced in unity. But as there is but one moment, and one state in unity, all that it contains is inexpressible by any conventional means. Yet by reflecting its light into Chokmah unity is put through a process where division appears to take place. The light borne from these flashes of

perception acts as the doorway through which the still-seed passes. The substance of this seed is actually the blooming of light, which travels from Binah and finds expression in the light of the Logos on Sunday. Though a seed, it is a seed born of wisdom. The Logos received the seed, yet its eyes gaze upon the mature plant. He sees perfectly the complete constitution of expression within the seed, from planting, germination, sprouting, and reclamation of body.

The above general description of the qabalistic powers that reside within the being of man finds their expression throughout each day of the week. The myriad combination of colors created from the interplay of cycles within cycles indeed happen an infinite number of times, within the confines of a measured amount of time, no matter how small a fraction of time one chooses to observe. These forces within man are eternal and continually active moving and mixing the elements to form the tapestry of creation we chose to manifest with our minds.

Just as each of the planets has a color, so too is each of the signs of the zodiac associated with a particular color. Table 4 shows the esoteric color correspondences of the zodiac, along with their correspondence to Tarot cards. Table 5 shows the correspondence of Tarot twenty-two Major Trumps, Planetary and astrological correspondences, and also correspondences of alchemy, color, the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew Alphabet, their symbols and meaning

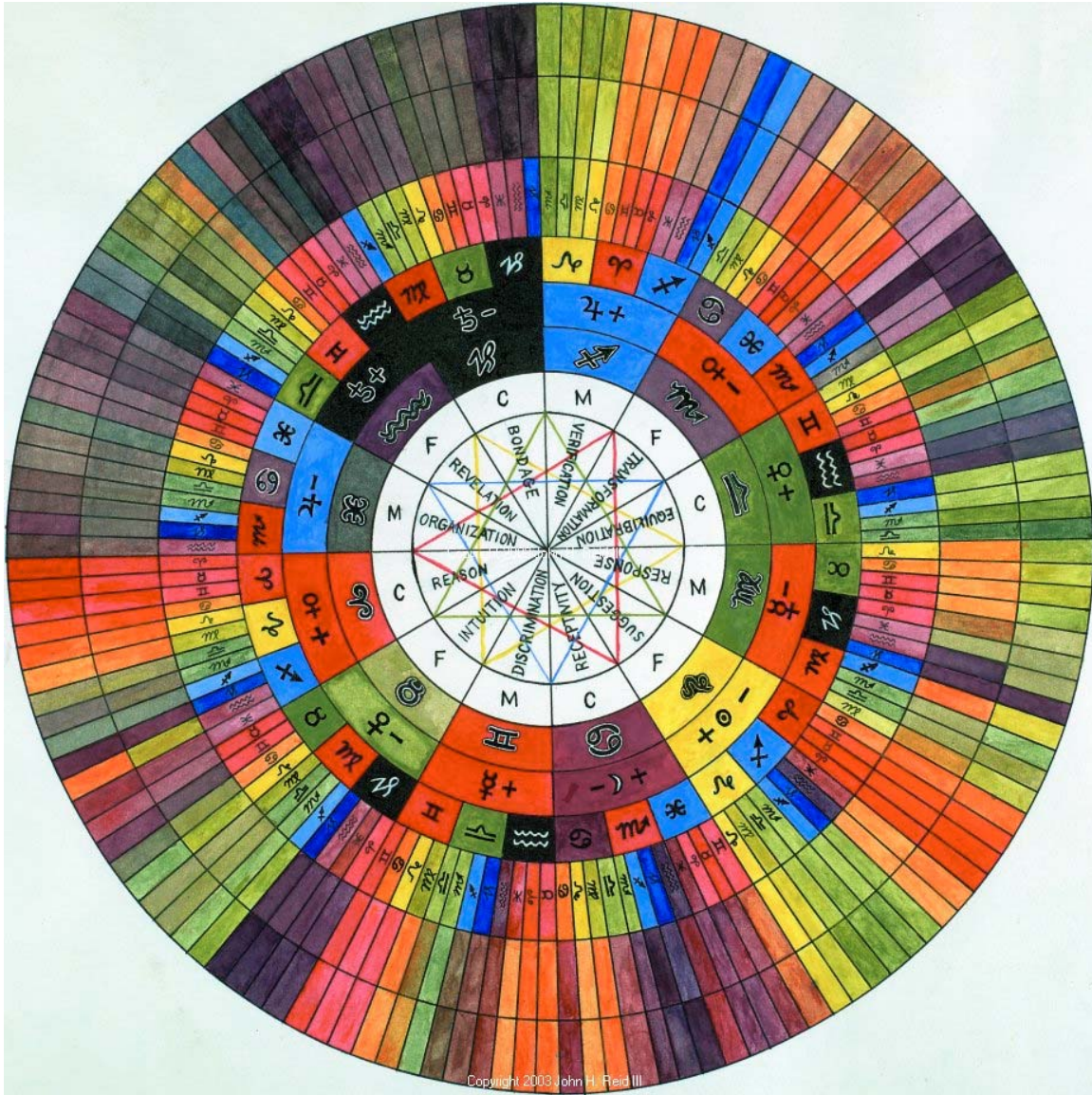
Table 4

Zodiac Sign	Symbol	Queen Scale	Tarot Card
<i>Aries</i>	♈	<i>Red</i>	<i>Emperor</i>
<i>Taurus</i>	♉	<i>Red-Orange</i>	<i>Hierophant</i>
<i>Gemini</i>	♊	<i>Orange</i>	<i>Lovers</i>
<i>Cancer</i>	♋	<i>Orange-Yellow</i>	<i>Chariot</i>
<i>Leo</i>	♌	<i>Yellow</i>	<i>Strength</i>
<i>Virgo</i>	♍	<i>Yellow-Green</i>	<i>Hermit</i>
<i>Libra</i>	♎	<i>Green</i>	<i>Justice</i>
<i>Scorpio</i>	♏	<i>Blue-Green</i>	<i>Death</i>
<i>Sagittarius</i>	♐	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Temperance</i>
<i>Capricorn</i>	♑	<i>Blue-Violet</i>	<i>Devil</i>
<i>Aquarius</i>	♒	<i>Violet</i>	<i>Star</i>
<i>Pisces</i>	♓	<i>Violet-Red</i>	<i>Moon</i>

Table 5

Tarot	Astrological	Alchemical	Color	Hebrew Letter	Meaning
<i>Fool</i>	<i>Uranus</i>	<i>Air</i>	<i>Yellow</i>	<i>Aleph</i>	<i>Ox</i>
<i>Magician</i>	<i>Mercury</i>	<i>Mercury</i>	<i>Yellow</i>	<i>Beth</i>	<i>House</i>
<i>High Priestess</i>	<i>Moon</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Gimel</i>	<i>Camel</i>
<i>Empress</i>	<i>Venus</i>	<i>Copper</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Daleth</i>	<i>Door</i>
<i>Emperor</i>	<i>Aries</i>	<i>Fire</i>	<i>Red</i>	<i>Heh</i>	<i>Window</i>
<i>Hierophant</i>	<i>Taurus</i>	<i>Earth</i>	<i>Red-Orange</i>	<i>Vau</i>	<i>Nail</i>
<i>Lovers</i>	<i>Gemini</i>	<i>Air</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>Zain</i>	<i>Sword</i>
<i>Chariot</i>	<i>Cancer</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Orange-Yellow</i>	<i>Cheth</i>	<i>Fence</i>
<i>Strength</i>	<i>Leo</i>	<i>Fire</i>	<i>Yellow</i>	<i>Teth</i>	<i>Serpent</i>
<i>Hermit</i>	<i>Virgo</i>	<i>Earth</i>	<i>Yellow-Green</i>	<i>Yod</i>	<i>Open Hand</i>
<i>Wheel of Fortune</i>	<i>Jupiter</i>	<i>Tin</i>	<i>Violet</i>	<i>Kaph</i>	<i>Closed Hand</i>
<i>Justice</i>	<i>Libra</i>	<i>Air</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Lamed</i>	<i>Ox Goad</i>
<i>Hanged Man</i>	<i>Neptune</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Mem</i>	<i>Water</i>
<i>Death</i>	<i>Scorpio</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Blue-Green</i>	<i>Nun</i>	<i>Fish</i>
<i>Temperance</i>	<i>Sagittarius</i>	<i>Fire</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Samekh</i>	<i>Prop</i>
<i>Devil</i>	<i>Capricorn</i>	<i>Earth</i>	<i>Blue-Violet</i>	<i>Ayin</i>	<i>Eye</i>
<i>Tower</i>	<i>Mars</i>	<i>Iron</i>	<i>Red</i>	<i>Peh</i>	<i>Mouth</i>
<i>Star</i>	<i>Aquarius</i>	<i>Air</i>	<i>Violet</i>	<i>Tzaddi</i>	<i>Fish Hook</i>
<i>Moon</i>	<i>Pisces</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Violet-Red</i>	<i>Qoph</i>	<i>Back of Head</i>
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>Resh</i>	<i>Head</i>
<i>Judgment</i>	<i>Pluto</i>	<i>Fire</i>	<i>Red</i>	<i>Shin</i>	<i>Tooth</i>
<i>World</i>	<i>Saturn</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Blue-Violet</i>	<i>Tau</i>	<i>Mark</i>

The 360-degree circle of the zodiac with its 12 divisions is also used in the Hermetic Science; this depiction of the zodiac is a depiction of what is in the sky and also that that resides in man. Let us begin with a detailed examination of colored illustration 1.



Here we find the familiar 12 divisions of the 360° belt of the zodiac. This chart shows the combined influence of the King and Queen scale of colors shown respectively in tables 3 and 4. The

interplay of their colors is said to produce the aura color of the individual being examined. To read the chart start with the left-center line representing the direction east and follow a counterclockwise course. The chart itself consists of 9 circles each with 12 divisions of 30°, who combined represent the 360° belt of the zodiac. Let us begin our examination of this chart from the inner most circle.

Within this circle are four colored triangles, one for each of the four alchemical elements. Red is for the Fire element, and green is for the Earth element, yellow is for the Air element, and blue is for the Water element. Starting from the left center line and moving in a counterclockwise fashion, we find the words reason, intuition, discrimination, receptivity, suggestion, response, equilibration, transformation, verification, bondage, revelation, organization. These terms give the closest description of the inherent qualities found to emanate from that particular 30° constellation of the zodiac. These qualities find expression in all terrestrial matter, organic or inorganic, as the earth comes under the influence of each zodiacal constellation.

The second circle shows the letters C,F,M, standing for cardinal, fixed, and mutable, or short, long, medium. They denote on the one hand, the length of time, the effects caused by the combined cosmic rays of a 30° section of the zodiac, will last or be felt on earth. They also represent the natural stamina contained in any of the psychic works performed by the Hermetic Scientist.

The third circle shows the zodiacal symbol attributed to a particular 30° constellation of stars within the zodiac. Here we see the colors of the queen scale reproduced.

The fourth circle shows the planetary ray and polarity that is said to have resonance with the star group in question. Some people like to say that the planets rule the signs. If anything, the cosmic ray emanating from the star group are absorbed and modified by the planets. I like to think that neither planet nor sign have dominion over the other; rather they both exert a sort of sympathetic influence upon each other when placed within a certain parameter of conditions.

Indeed none of the planets make their own light. The planets absorb the combined cosmic rays emitted by the constellations. Those rays, which are needed for its continued sustenance, are absorbed those, which are not needed, are reflected from it. From our perspective on earth we see this as originating from the planet. The color associated with the planet and constellations get their assignation, not from the chromatic display emitted by the planet, but the psychological and physiological influences produced in

man when meditating on the color. The responses produced by these colors were found to manifest themselves most noticeable in nature and man when a particular constellation, planet, or combination of the two took part in an event in the heavens.

The fifth circle shows the elemental triplicity of each of the signs by dividing the 30° constellations into sections of 10° called decans. Each decan of ten degrees in any sign always belongs to the same alchemical element associated with that sign. Thus Taurus an earth sign has all three Earth signs as its decans, respectively being Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn. The sign of Libra has as its three decans the Airy signs of Libra, Aquarius, and Gemini. The key to this are the four colored triangles found within the first circle of the chart. The three tips of each triangle points to the three signs belonging to that element. It will be noticed that the first decan of 10° is always the same as the sign composing that 30° constellation.

The sixth circle shows the creation of dwadashamsas each with an arc of 2.5° . Each one of these divisions represents one of the twelve signs of the zodiac. It will be noticed that the placement of the dwadashamsa is dependent on the decans of the elemental triplicity shown in circle. The first dwadashamsa always begins with the same sign found in its decan. Thus, the first dwadashamsa of the first decan of Aries is Aries. The first dwadashamsa of the second decan of Aries is Leo. The third dwadashamsa of the third decan of Aries is Sagittarius. The placement of the remaining three dwadashamsa after the first dwadashamsa of each decan follows the natural progression of the zodiac as laid out in table 4.

Each 2.5° arc of the seventh circle is a combination of circles 3, 5, and 6. These rays are the combined total of the colored rays from the sign, decan and dwadashamsas of circles 3, 5, and 6 respectively. They represent the material or manifest base of the one energy. The relative weight of a sign is given as a factor of 12. The decan and the dwadashamsas representing $1/4$ and $1/12$ of a 30° arc have the respective weights of four and one. These dwadashamsas represent the aura matrix of any form of terrestrial matter brought into manifestation during the interval of time that segment of the zodiac is occupied by a reacting planet. Any substance on earth will continually give off and absorb that particular ray combination which governs its manifestation from the time of its emergence to the time of its dissolution. This is the underlying color of ones aura or astral matrix. During the existence of the organism in question, this basic electromagnetic matrix will be subjected to ever-changing influences brought onto it by the constantly changing angles of the orbiting planets and their respective rays.

The eighth circle shows 2.5° divisions of the zodiac representing the combination of circles 3, 4, 5, and 6. Whereas the seventh circle showed the material side or aura matrix, this representation shows the ray of consciousness inherent within the organism. This ray of consciousness represents the individual awareness on the physical, mental, and spiritual planes. The term organism is used here for both organic and inorganic states of matter thereby encompassing all the members of the mineral, plant, and animal kingdoms.

After a preliminary study of this chart, one of the most obvious questions will surely be this, the planets shown in circle four are not always in those particular houses. Indeed since some of the planets are said to be connected with more than one house, as in the case of Saturn, how can the circle of line 8 representing the conscious awareness be of any value, except for those few occasions when the planet actually occupies the house in question. Here the reader must strive to remember that it is the stars that send forth the light, not the planets. The light from the cosmos bathes the planets. The planets in turn absorb what is needed for sustenance, that which is not needed is reflected as modified rays back out into space. While it is true that the majority of visible light given off by the planets in our solar system comes from our own Sun, they still nonetheless do absorb radiation from the constellations in space. From our perspective here on earth our Sun seems to face each of the constellations of innumerable stars once a year. From another planet in a distant solar system our Sun is actually viewed as a star in a constellation. The stars emit both spiritual and material energy, because there is only one energy. Therefore the spiritual or mental energy associated with the planet in circle four is always present in the combined light from the stars of the constellations and our Sun. Its presence is not dependent on the presence of a planet. All a planet does is act like a prism so that we may more readily perceive the colors that were always there.

Because man is a microcosm of the macrocosm he may, at will, use the powers that are being generated from the stars in the heavens. To do this he uses the Inner 7-phase cycle of man as a starting point. The process is a simple one, first the Hermetic Scientist decides which day of the week best represents that quality of the energy he seeks to use. The determination of the appropriate energy to use is based on correspondences of Tarot and Qabalah. In the practice section a basic technique will be given for building the astral matrix of your heart's desire, and the methodologies of animating it, and imbuing it with a quality discernible by one of the five senses during the course of our spiritual week.

One thing to remember about the Inner seven phase cycles of man. During period G, 3:26am - 6:51am, shown in table two, the spiritual energy of the day is said to radiate at a maximum of 100%. This is why so many alchemists prefer to crystallize their salts just before and after sunrise, when the maximum energy of the spiritual ray of the day is available. Any other time during the day the spiritual energy or colored ray belonging to the day is at 86% with the other 14% belonging to the tingeing influence of the secondary ray of the period in question.

Having decided when to initiate the work, the Hermetic Scientist now erects a zodiac chart, using the standard astronomical procedures. The idea here is not to wait until a particular house or planet occupies a desired position in the sky. In Astro-cyclic pulsations the energies emitted from the stars and reflected from the planets, are so subtle that they bombard and pass right through the earth. This chart is not used to tell the alchemist the future but to discern what energy fields are being created by the interaction of the planets. This interplay of energy has a definite effect on terrestrial matter from human beings right down to minerals. Depending on what the Hermetic Scientist is working with, plant salts, mineral salts, or making an astral matrix of his heart's desire decides how the energy needs to be interacted with.

In order to determine what type of energy is present the hermetic Scientist makes use the colored zodiac wheel shown in colored illustration 1. If, for example, the Hermetic Scientist is animating the astral matrix of his heart's desire and has reached the stage where the features of sound are added to the matrix the work would follow a procedure something as follows. In the Western Inner Tradition the faculty of hearing and sound are associated with Taurus, which is ruled by the planet Venus. The work could be carried out on a Friday between the hours of 8:34 p.m. - midnight. This would give the work the energetic foundational energy associated with the Mars current, while allowing for the lawful construction of a phase of work specifically governed by the Venutian energy. For our purposes we are interested in the following information contained in the chart.

1) What sign and degree are occupied by the planets whose spiritual energy is analogous with the Inner 7 phase rays we are using. This is important because by knowing the sign and degree we can determine what the manifestative base or astral matrix of the energy present is, by consulting the seventh circle and seeing the corresponding color shown for the sign and degree occupied by the planet. We may also by consulting the eighth circle of the same degree and sign see what the base ray of consciousness is

contained at that particular position. It is onto these two respective rays showing matter and spirit that we must cast the light of the ray associated with our inner planet, which through conscious direction is modified according to the intensity of our visualization. Indeed the material and spiritual rays shown in the seventh and eighth circles are our base, or prime matter, that we work with and on, modifying their structure by our thoughts, taking their energy and molding it into the astral form we need and animating it with the breath of consciousness.

2) What aspects if any exist between the planets associated with our work? It has long been known that certain aspects seem to increase and make more harmonious the interplay of energies streaming from the planets, and that other aspects seem retarding or obstructive to the flow of energies from the planets. For the most part it is thought that when two planets are not in aspect there is no way for their energies to be used concurrently.

For many people the thought that aspecting planets can have any effect on terrestrial matter seems ludicrous. Studies of capillary dynamolysis have shown that the effects of planets transiting one another and forming aspects between themselves can be visually followed. This branch of investigation, which we have looked at in detail in a previous chapter, is a very nice way of showing the effects produced in terrestrial matter from celestial impulses. They indeed show that the entire earth is in resonance with the cosmos, and that celestial phenomena produce effects throughout the entire earth simultaneously. This fact is independent of the apparent positions of the constellations in an astrological chart such as Ascendant, Midheaven, Descendent, or Immum Coeli.

What is important now is for the reader to realize the use of the 7 Inner phase of man and the use of the Hermetic zodiac chart in color illustration 1. It is important for the reader to realize that the sign and degree, occupied by the planet associated with the inner ray we are using, gives us the base material to work with. The inherent spiritual and material ray shown in the seventh and eighth circles of the Hermetic zodiac is what is modified by the conscious application and direction of our inner rays. There are three keys that can be used with this system, for gaining understanding of exactly what is being represented by the base energy we are using, as shown by the seventh and eighth circles. One of the easiest and simplest methods are by simply just using the inner 7-phase cycle without the use of Hermetic zodiac chart. This very generalized approach serves as an excellent foundation for beginners in the use of Astro-cyclic pulsations.

This system is used for the initial cleansing of the tyro, as well as discovery of one's heart's desire. It is also the system, which will serve as our backdrop for our initiation into Tarot. We will discuss in detail the use of this system in the practice section.

After having completed the preliminary initiations the student will then be in possession of the second key of understanding. To use this key the initiate finds the appropriate degree and lays the tarot trumps before him that are associated with the astrological symbols that go into composing the colored ray of either circles seven or eight. The initiate is then able to read the influence appropriately, even taking into consideration the strength of the formative force of the occupying planet based on the time of the year as shown by capillary dynamic studies.

The last Key, which will only be touched on, deals with qabalistic associations of one of the Hebrew letters to each of the Major Tarot trumps. By using this system the alchemist is able to literally inscribe the program code of his heart's desire into the heavens.

Chapter Summary on Astro-Cyclic Pulsations

1. There are cycles, which originate from impulses born in the divine mind and are universal in nature, i.e. coming from the cosmos and effecting man.
2. There are cycles that originate from within man, which mirrors all that which issues from the cosmic center.
3. Where these two meet, new expressions are born.
4. Man may use the cycles, which originate from him in a conscious manner to construct his heart's desire.
5. By using the Hermetic Zodiac man may consciously interface with aspecting planets and mold their energetic fields of light with conscious-intent.
6. Hermetic interpretive methods are based on astrology, tarot, Qabalah and correspondences of these to numbers, colors and sound.

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